

## Backbone Mountain Youth Center (State-Operated)

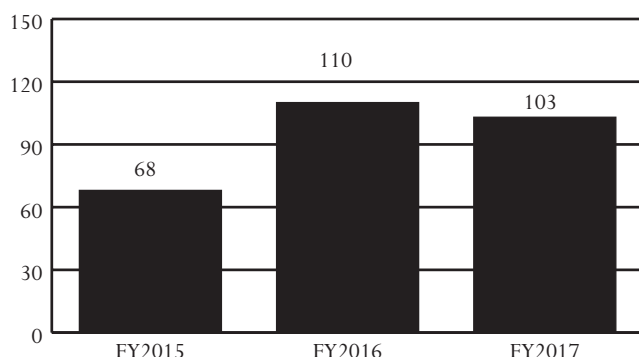
Acting Superintendent: William Pickrel  
 Rated Capacity: 48 Males

**Staff Secure - Region III - Western**

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The Youth Center opened in 1966 as a 35-bed forestry camp on Backbone Mountain in Garrett County with funds appropriated by the General Assembly and became a youth center in 1977. The facility offers programs including the Seven Challenges drug treatment program and CHALLENGE, DJS' behavioral management program. Youth receive a Substance Use Assessment and a level of care is determined. Backbone is certified to offer Early Intervention, Outpatient, and Intensive Outpatient Services. Youth participate in individual and group interventions. Family counseling is offered for every youth, as well as psychiatric services. For youth with chronic aggression, START is provided: an evidence-based, cognitive behavioral group intervention focused on developing youth's social skills, anger control, and moral reasoning. Regular family interaction is encouraged with visits, phone calls, family days, and family counseling. Educational services are provided by MSDE on a 12-month schedule, with six hours of daily instruction five days a week in English, mathematics, science, social studies, health and life skills, OSHA and ServSafe Certification, and individualized programs to prepare youth for the GED exam. The College Program is offered in conjunction with Garrett College of Maryland. Youth are screened through a referral, record review, and interview for acceptance into the program. Selected youth are admitted for one college semester while in the care of DJS and earn a Maryland High School Diploma as well as up to 15 college credits.

### PLACEMENTS, FY 2015-2017



### PLACEMENTS BY DEMOGRAPHICS, FY 2015-2017

Demographics	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
Black	73.5%	79.1%	75.7%
White	14.7%	13.6%	14.6%
Hispanic/Other	11.8%	7.3%	9.7%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Female	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Age</b>			
11 and under	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
12	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
13	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
14	7.4%	7.3%	1.9%
15	14.7%	10.9%	17.5%
16	22.1%	40.9%	25.2%
17	32.4%	30.0%	44.7%
18-20	23.5%	10.9%	10.7%
<b>Total Placements</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>103</b>

- **Placement Trends:**
  - Placements increased 51.5% between FY 2015 and FY 2017 and decreased 6.4% between FY 2016 and FY 2017.
- **Region of Residence (FY 2017):**
  - 96.1% of placements were from regions within Maryland. Of those from Out-of-State, 3 were from Washington D.C., and 1 was from West Virginia.
- **Offense Type (FY 2017):**
  - The most common offense type for juveniles placed in FY 2017 was Second Degree Assault-Misdemeanor (18.4%).
- **Offense Category (FY 2016-2017):**
  - The percentage of Crimes of Violence decreased from 26.4% to 25.2%
  - The percentage of Felonies decreased from 18.2% to 11.7%
  - The percentage of Misdemeanors increased from 54.5% to 58.3%
  - See the Terms and Concepts section for an explanation of felony and misdemeanor as the definitions are helpful when examining offense severity.
- **Average Daily Population:**
  - ADP increased 8.3% between FY 2015 and FY 2017 and decreased 6.0% between FY 2016 and FY 2017.
- **Average Length of Stay:**
  - The average LOS decreased 13.0% between FY 2015 and FY 2017 and increased 5.8% between FY 2016 and FY 2017.
- **Utilization Rate (FY 2016-FY 2017):**
  - Backbone Mountain's utilization rate decreased from 59.6% in FY 2016 to 56.0% in FY 2017 (based on the facility's rated capacity).

## PLACEMENTS BY OFFENSE, FY 2017

Most Serious Adjudicated Offense	FY2017
Offense Type	
Arson	0.0%
Auto Theft/Unauthorized Use	2.9%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	11.7%
Carjacking	2.9%
Conspiracy to Commit Offense	6.8%
Deadly Weapon	1.0%
Disturbing the Peace	3.9%
First Degree Assault-Felony	1.0%
Handgun Violation	1.9%
Malicious Destruction	3.9%
Manslaughter	0.0%
Motor Vehicle/Traffic	1.9%
Murder	0.0%
Narcotics (CDS-Felony)	0.0%
Narcotics (CDS-Misdemeanor)	7.8%
Other/Missing <sup>1</sup>	2.9%
Resisting Arrest	1.0%
Robbery	10.7%
Second Degree Assault-Misdemeanor	18.4%
Sex Offense	0.0%
Theft Felony	2.9%
Theft Misdemeanor	9.7%
Trespassing	2.9%
Unspecified Misdemeanor	5.8%
Offense Category	
<b>Crime of Violence*</b>	<b>25.2%</b>
<b>Felony</b>	<b>11.7%</b>
- Person-to-Person	0.0%
- Property	5.8%
- Drugs	0.0%
- Unspecified	5.8%
<b>Misdemeanor</b>	<b>58.3%</b>
- Person-to-Person	29.1%
- Property	17.5%
- Drugs	3.9%
- Unspecified	7.8%
<b>Ordinance Offenses</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
<b>Citations</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
<b>CINS</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<i>Total Placements</i>	<i>103</i>

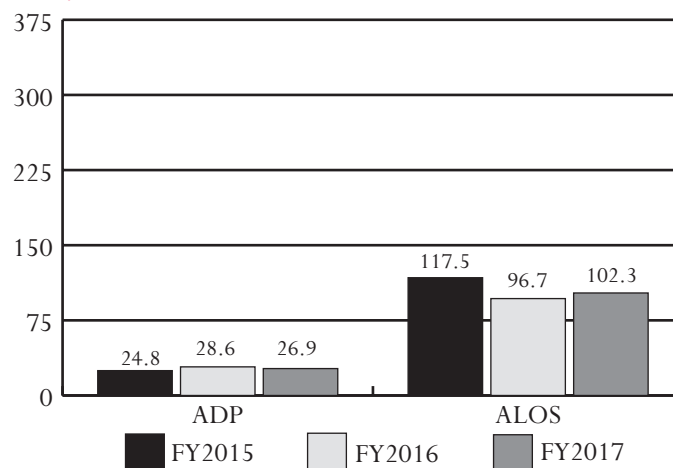
<sup>1</sup> Includes: BB Gun/Pellet Gun, Child Abuse, Destructive Devices, Electronic Email Abuse, Escape, False Report, Fraud, Harassment, Reckless Endangerment, Ungovernable, and Unspecified Felony.

\* See Appendix K for a description of Crimes of Violence

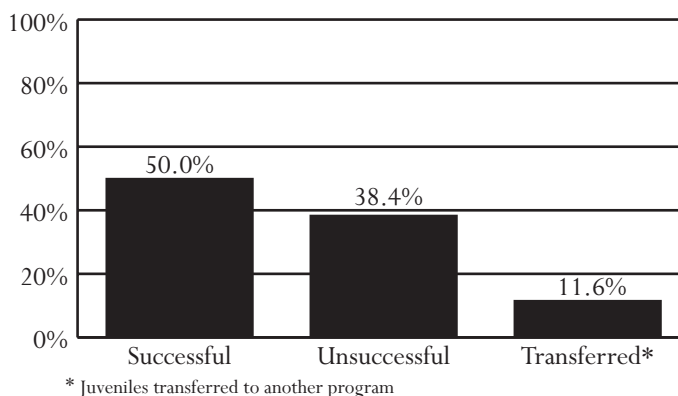
## PLACEMENTS BY REGION OF RESIDENCE, FY 2015-2017

Region	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
Reg-I - Baltimore City	19.1%	21.8%	24.3%
Reg-II - Central	7.4%	11.8%	14.6%
Reg-III - Western	2.9%	4.5%	3.9%
Reg-IV - Eastern	11.8%	15.5%	5.8%
Reg-V - Southern	23.5%	22.7%	14.6%
Reg-VI - Metro	35.3%	23.6%	33.0%
Out-of-State	0.0%	0.0%	3.9%
<i>Total Placements</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>103</i>

## AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION AND AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY, FY 2015-2017



## RELEASES BY COMPLETION STATUS, FY 2017



ASSIST is a live database; therefore, updates made subsequent to this data being run will not be included. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. Data may not be comparable to previous Data Resource Guides due to methodology changes. VOPs are categorized by the original offense.